WATER AND URBANIZATION

MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD POPULATION - OVER 3.5 BILLION PEOPLE - LIVES IN CITIES

EVERY SECOND, THE URBAN POPULATION GROWS BY 2 PEOPLE

THERE IS BETTER ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN URBAN AREAS

Population with access to improved sources of drinking water in 2010
- Urban: 96%
- Rural: 81%

Population with access to improved sanitation facilities in 2010
- Urban: 79%
- Rural: 47%

827.6 million people live in slums, often lacking adequate water and sanitation services

227 million people have moved out of slum conditions between 2000 and 2010, mainly as the result of slum upgrading

Increase of overall slum population between 2000 and 2010: 6 million people a year

On these trends, the world slum population should reach 888 million by 2020


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